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PRES. B. H. ROBERTS DIES SUDDENLY

Brigham H. Roberts, senior president of the First Council of Seventy, died suddenly in a hospital, Salt Lake City, Wednesday morning, Sept. 27. President Roberts suffering ill health for several years, was one of the most virile Utah leaders, and his passing is a distinct loss to the Church. A missionary at heart he was a staunch defender & champion of the faith. He wrote many books and articles, defending Mormonism, and his Comprehensive History of the Church, is a lasting monument to his ability. Pres. Roberts visited this Stake in May, 1932.

MISSION PRESIDENT ILL

Castle H. Murphy, president of the Hawaiian Mission, underwent a major operation in Honolulu Sept. 22. A cablegram to relatives in Utah said he was recovering favorably. He is a native of Ogden and formerly bishop of the Second Ward, Weber Stake.

GENEOLOGY

The outstanding event of the month in geneology was the splendid banquet and program put over by the Berkeley committee Friday evening, Sept. 22. More than a hundred and seventy representatives from Stake and wards were present. Tables and banquet room were appropriately decorated. The feature of the evening was official announcement of the coming Stake Temple pilgrimage to the Arizona Temple. Toasts, speeches, songs, decorations, letters of welcome from Arizona, made the whole affair a genuine success. The spirit of good will and co-operation was manifest on every hand.

The Berkeley Ward Committee are to be congratulated in this fine effort, accomplished under the leadership of Chairman George E. Southgate.

The central theme of the Stake from now on until December will be pilgrimage to the Mesa Temple.

All Stake organizations, it is expected, will pledge two representatives to make the trip. It is further urged, with the approval of the Stake Presidency, that Bishops pledge representation from each bishopric, and two members from each auxiliary in the ward. These pledges alone would greatly augment the success hoped for by those charged with the responsibility of the pilgrimage.

Other activities of the month have been in more fully perfecting ward organizations. Recently Martinez was completely organized, and other wards will receive attention during the month of October. Ward committees should make provision to reserve the fifth Sunday night for a geneology program.

A Sin Unto Death

Sexual impurity is a most deadly sin. Anciently it was considered so, and according to the laws of God, those found guilty were in danger of being put to death. There are sins unto death John informs us, and this is one of them. Murder, the shedding of innocent blood, is a sin unto death, and Alma taught Corianton that unchastity was second only to murder. President Joseph F. Smith has given this instruction: "We hold that sexual sin is second only to the shedding of innocent blood in the category of personal crimes; and that the adulterer shall have no part in the exaltation of the blessed. . . . He that looketh on a woman to lust after her, or if any shall commit adultery in their heart, they shall not have the Spirit, but shall deny the faith."

—Jos. Fielding Smith, in "The Way to Perfection," p. 235.

NEW OAKLAND BISHOP

John G. Shields has been appointed Bishop of the Oakland Ward, succeeding Eugene B. Jacobs, resigned. The appointment made by the First Presidency, was presented and sustained Sunday, Sept. 10. Bishop Shields, at present a member of the Stake High Council, formerly first counsellor to former Bishop Carr, is well acquainted and popular in the ward. A. Eldon Rex and Ether M. Davey, counsellors to Bishop Jacobs, were chosen by Bishop Shields as his aides.

Bishop Jacobs resigned on account of his employment, has presided over Oakland for nearly four years. He served diligently and enthusiastically, many new improvements were inaugurated by him, particularly the renovation of the Oakland Chapel and the building of the patio garden. He recently moved to the Dimond Ward.

PRESIDENT IVINS 81

President Anthony W. Ivins celebrated his 81st birthday Sept. 16. Said the Deseret News editorially, that day;

There is such a cordial and sincere respect and affection for this octogenarian among all classes of the community that his name has become a symbol of friendliness.

President Ivins has pursued from infancy the happy life. It has not always been the easy one. Few men have met greater physical hardships. But he has been an observer of the laws of health, absteminous, temperate, living much in the out-of-doors. He has practiced thrift; and the security which comes as the fruit of this virtue has freed him from much unnecessary worry. Religion, to which he has devoted his strongest forces, has brought the sweet and comforting influences of faith when grief and affliction troubled him. His tolerance, understanding, and his love of humanity have brought their own returns in kind.

For many years still we can wish that his unbent form may find the pools where fish play in the mountain streams of this region. In the summer time his friends will watch for him in his garden justifying his membership in the local flower club, which he honors with his support. People of affairs in business and state hope they may for a long time to come depend on his judgment. His coreligionists hope still to receive much counsel from his mature spirit.

NEW MISSION PRESIDENT

Prof. Thos. Edgar Lyon of the Rigby, Ida., Seminary, has been appointed to preside over the Netherlands Mission. With his wife, Hermana Fosberg Lyon and two sons, the new president will sail from New York Oct. 11 for his field of labor. He succeeds Pres. Frank I. Kooyman, recently released. R. Welling Rosskelley, 27, of Smithfield, graduate of B.Y.U. and the A.C. at Logan, has been named principal of the Rigby Seminary, to succeed Prof. Lyon.

CONFERENCE VISITORS

Among those who will attend the General Conference in Salt Lake City Oct. 6-8, is President W. Aird Macdonald, who will represent the Stake. President Oscar Fontano of the Seventies Quorum will attend the special Seventies Convention to be held during conference. Mrs. Ruth R. Shurtleff, secretary, will represent the Stake Relief Society at the General Relief Society conference, which opens Oct. 4. Many others are planning to take advantage of the low round trip fares offered over both the Southern and Western Pacific Railways.

TEMPLES CLOSE

The Salt Lake Temple will close Thursday evening, Oct. 5, on account of General Conference, and reopen Monday, Oct. 9. The Manti and Logan Temples will close on the 4th and reopen Tuesday, Oct. 10.

DON C. DRIGGS DIES

Don C. Driggs, former president of Teton Stake, Idaho, died in Phoenix, Arizona, suddenly Sept. 15. Funeral services held in the Second Ward chapel, Phoenix, Sunday, Sept. 17, paid high honor to his memory for the years of active Church service. The deceased had removed with his family from Idaho ten years ago, and was active in business circles in Phoenix. He was president of the High Priests Quorum of the Maricopa Stake, and the father of Golden K. Driggs of the San Francisco Ward Bishopric. The son went by plane to Phoenix, reaching the bedside just before the father passed away peacefully.

AUXILIARY CONVENTIONS WITH STAKE CONFERENCE

Seventies To Hold Special Meet

Our next Stake Conference is set for Saturday and Sunday, October 21-22. It will be a conference of conventions. The Relief Society, the Young Men and Young Ladies Mutuals, and the Seventies, will each hold forth in a convention of several sessions each, devoted to specialized work. Beside the special board and group meetings, there will be public meetings for all. It is expected that visitors from Salt Lake from each of the General Boards concerned, will be in attendance, as well as one of the members of the Quorum of the Twelve. One of the First Council of Seventy will be present to conduct the Seventies of the Stake in this their first convention.

Saturday evening a joint session of M. I. A. officers, both stake and ward, will be held in the Oakland chapel, while at the same time the Seventies will hold forth in the recreation hall. Sunday morning the Relief Society will hold its public session of the conference. Sunday afternoon will be the general Stake session, and in the evening the M. I. A. will have their public session. Executive and Stake Board sessions will convene early Saturday evening and Sunday morning. The Saturday sessions of the Relief Society will be held in the Hayes Street Chapel, San Francisco. Sunday evening the M. I. A. session will be held in the Oakland Chapel, while a special conference meeting will be held in San Francisco for the convenience of West Bay Saints.

It will be a busy conference. There may be some changes in the High Council due to the ordination of John G. Shields as Bishop of Oakland. A number of changes in other Stake offices are anticipated. The noonday luncheon Sunday will be served by the Stake Sunday School Board. A record attendance of Saints from all parts of the Stake is expected.

HAWAIIAN PAPER

We have received a copy of "Ka Elele," a monthly paper published by Oahu District, Hawaiian Mission. "Ka Elele," which means "The Messenger," is patterned so closely after our Stake Messenger, that we feel highly complimented. The August issue, which is No. 3, contains interesting accounts of a district conference held July 4 on the grounds of Laie Temple attended by more than 1000; thrilling reception of the radio broadcast over KSL from Salt Lake by the Hawaiian missionary society on July 16; the visit of Senator Elbert D. Thomas and family to Honolulu; the death of Apostle Jas. E. Talmage; Church Mission changes; an inspiring letter from Pres. Castle H. Murphy to the Hawaiian missionaries; news from the branches and auxiliaries, and a fine editorial on "Clestial Marriage." On the final page, printed in the native language, is a greeting from President Heber J. Grant. Interesting to the Stake is the item announcing the birth of a baby boy to Mrs. Keola Murphy, formerly Virginia Bott, daughter of Bishop Bott of Daly City Ward.

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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Virtue

To possess virtue is to have power and admirable qualities or accomplishments, as well as to be clean from sexual impurity and other vice, and is to have a "particular moral excellence," and a "disposition to conform to the law of right." Codes of civilized peoples, civil and ecclesiastical, have extolled it and by legislative enactment have generally made sexual impurities, crimes, the most heinous being not infrequently punishable by death.

Before the Lord, who commanded that all men sanctify themselves, and be holy; that they defile not themselves with man or beast or "with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth," sex sins are an abomination. They defile also the land, "therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants." Against such offenses the Lord will set His face; and "the soul that sinneth it shall die." It is the law of the earth.

The divine law—"Thou shalt not commit adultery"—has never been repealed and is no less important today than in Mosaic time. The stench of sexual impurities is as offensive now as at any time past. The law remains. Its violation is a principal gateway to the wilderness of sin, to the slough of despond. The wise-hearted will not partake of so great wickedness and offense against God. Its sham and illicit pleasures inevitably end in torture.

A primary duty of man, to himself and to society, is patiently to guard his own future. In doing so he must overcome a primal motive of sin, to wit: the urge to gain quick and unearned happiness through unnatural pleasures. It is the road to decay, and the more intense and lustful practice, the speedier comes moral, physical and spiritual disintegration. Licentiouness cheapens life and causes a noble something within the offender to die.

A chief vice is precocity. By obscene suggestions broadcast it is stimulated, turning much that has been clean and bright to rust, with corrosion fastening itself upon standards and institutions once held sacred. Happiness is sought before its time, and open and secret vice abound with their shallow inducement for double life. The remedy is a militant conquest, in conquering itself, and in leading our full powers to the end that others shall do so. To succeed is to earn peace and self-respect, with happiness following inevitably. **Free love or other unfair sex relationship leads from happiness into marshy lands, where long repentance follows short pleasures.**

"The law of the soul is eternal endeavor, that bears the man onward and upward forever." A trained, self denying discipline, aided by time and patience will succeed. It is the Lord's plan that man should do so. Plato aptly said: "God is good, and being good he had no form of envy, and having no form of envy he desired all men to be like him." It is authoritatively stated that we may become like Him if we obey His law. That is our hope, but without virtue it can not be.

Virtue is sweeter than honey, but to possess it, one must be ever alert. He must tug at the same oar with God. A desire for it is a great gain toward it. When possessed it must be carefully guarded lest it be lost. Long and straight hitting may be necessary to gain it, but it can be lost quickly. **Mere thought, if uncontrolled, may kindle a flame that will consume all trace of it.** We must hold a tight rein, for the battle to overcome self is life's greatest conquest. He is exceedingly rich who has done so. This priceless treasure may be acquired by all who fear God, "to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul."

—Oscar W. McConkie in Improvement Era.

(Ward Teachers' Message for October.)

PRIESTHOOD

The Melchizedek Priesthood Quorums now organized as planned in the handbook, with complete functioning activities, will make the weekly ward meeting and the Stake meeting perform a very definite responsibility in the success of quorum work.

There is need for definite assignment of duties and a follow-up to assure accomplishment. In the weekly ward meeting the specific assignment and check-up on duties is to be made, plus in some cases, brief study topics. The Stake quorum meeting will have the dual responsibility of reporting Stake conditions and helping ward leaders, plus study of gospel themes so as to tone up the spiritual life of the members.

The Stake quorum meeting hereafter, therefore, will consist of three features: (1) reports of standing committees, (2) department work led by committee chairmen with leaders in wards directly assigned to their committee, and (3) a fifteen minute address followed by fifteen minutes of questions and discussion. Questions to be based principally upon the address.

For the High Priests the request is that for the October meeting, committee chairmen be ready to report and assume departmental responsibility.

In the wards the pivotal man is the group leader. He should be fully alive to his responsibility. His prime duty being to see that his standing committies are active thru assigned duties by him.

HOME WEDDING

Miss Betty Naylor, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Raymond C. Naylor of Piedmont, was married to John Daniel, Jr., of San Francisco at a quiet wedding at the Naylor home, Sept. 8. President Macdonald officiated. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Peggy Naylor. The young couple sailed the next day for Hawaii on their honeymoon. The bride was a popular member of the Piedmont young social set, and a member of the Oakland ward. The groom, graduate of Stanford, is a young business man of San Francisco.

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

RELIEF SOCIETY

Magazine. It is a delight to begin our new season right, i. e., by procuring the guide for our work. **We must have it.** "A Relief Society magazine for every woman in the Stake." We are in the midst of our magazine drive. Let us work hard and sincerely. The drive is over Oct. 15.

Reading Course. The final report on summer reading will be given at Union meeting Oct. 8. This reading consists of material vital to theological, social welfare, and literary departments. A reward is offered to the ward making the highest score.

Party. September 20 was a jolly day of all R. S. members of the entire Stake. We met at a party in San Francisco at which Esther D. Stephens, Hannah Kelley, and Nelle Macdonald were the honored guests. The ladies were there in real numbers for luncheon followed with an afternoon of programs, games and song.

New Board Members. We are delighted to welcome as new members of our board Cleone Wilcox as chorister; Mary Rex as organist, and Sarah E. Banning as literary instructor.

Our Representative. Ruth R. Shurtleff, secretary of the Stake Board, will attend the October conference in Salt Lake City as our official representative. At this conference the lesson work of all four departments will receive special attention.

Annual Stake R. S. Convention. Our annual two-day convention will be held October 21 and 22. A representative of the General Board will be in attendance. Special attention is called to the meetings:

Saturday, Oct. 21, at 2:30 p. m.—Held in San Francisco, at the Hayes Street Chapel. All ward and Stake officers will be in attendance. Class leaders, do not forget!

Sunday, Oct. 22, at 9 a. m.—Held in Oakland at the Moss and Webster Chapel. Ward presidents, all bishops and Stake board will be present.

Sunday, Oct. 22, at 10:30 a. m.—Held in Oakland at Moss and Webster Chapel. Public session. Everybody is invited.

M. I. A.

SLOGAN—"Inspired by the refining influences of Mormonism we will develop the gifts within us."

M. I. A. CONFERENCE CONVENTION

No Union meeting for the M. I. A. on October 15. Instead, a conference-convention will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 21 and 22, and all M. I. A. workers are requested to note the time for the various meetings and be in attendance:

Saturday, 2 p. m.—Y. L. and Y. M. Stake Executive Officers.
2:30—Stake Board, joint.
3:30—Stake Board, separate.
7:30—Stake and Ward Officers.
Sunday, 9 a. m.—Ward and Stake Officers, joint.
10:40—Ward and Stake Officers, separate.
7:30 p. m.—Public meeting.

M. I. A. NEWS

Union meeting of Sept. 17 was an inspirational meeting. Addresses by A. D. Erickson and George W. Hickman inspired Mutual leaders with a determination to build M. I. A.'s in San Francisco second to none in the Church.

M. I. A. STAKE BOARD WORK

Manton Moody, known to all as the East Bay community activity leader of 1932-1933 was sustained as second assistant to Supt. Harmon.

Howard Macdonald, long associated with scouting in the Bay region, was sustained as vanguard and scout leader on the Stake Board.

It was unanimously voted that future union meetings begin at 2:15 p. m. to accommodate the commuters from San Francisco.

PRIMARY

Two very successful Primary homecomings were held this month, one in the Oakland Chapel on Sept. 2, and another in San Francisco on Sept. 16. These homecomings are held to celebrate the beginning of another year of Primary activity. Splendid programs were given on both sides of the bay. In Oakland, Alameda won the attendance prize with 67 per cent of her ward population in attendance. Berkeley Ward won the prize for her rhythm band. In San Francisco, Balboa Ward won the attendance prize with 26 per cent of her ward population there and also took first place in the band contest. We congratulate the wards participating for their splendid showings!

Several new members have been added to our Primary Board—Sisters Sarah D. Summerhays, Ada Vincent and Margaret Gardner. We welcome them to our ranks.

Our monthly Union meeting will be held on Oct. 8 in the Oakland Chapel. A full attendance of officers and teachers is desired.

On Sept. 6 members of the Primary Board entertained at a luncheon honoring Sisters Edith Pyle and Blanche Severin, resigned members of the Stake Primary Superintendency. Sister Pyle has been first assistant and Sister Severin second assistant to Superintendent Hicken. The luncheon was held at the home of Sister Hicken and covers were laid for ten guests. Beautiful leather-bound books were presented to the honor guests. We greatly appreciate the faithful labors of these two sisters.

A new Primary has been organized in Livermore. Sister Merle Creager has been chosen as superintendent. Congratulations and best wishes, Livermore!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Martinez again won the efficiency banner this month, nosing out Mission and Walnut Creek.

The Stake Superintendency was reorganized at our last union meeting Sept. 24. Claude T. Lindsay, first assistant for the past year, resigned because of his work, was released. Also, John G. Shields of the Stake Board, recently made bishop of Oakland Ward, was released. Both have done valiant service in the Stake Sunday schools.

President Eugene Hilton then presented as assistants to Supt. Millward, Elders Bromwell Z. Cox and T. Rex McKean, who were unanimously sustained. Elder Cox has done a splendid service in organizing the missionary classes throughout the Stake during the past year. His advancement to the Superintendency is the reward of merit. Elder McKean is a newcomer to the Stake, but a seasoned Sunday School worker. For the past three years he has been superintendent of the Primary Hospital Sunday School in Salt Lake. Elder McKean's wife, LaVon Madsen McKean, was also sustained as a member of the Stake Board.

We welcome the new officers of the Stake Board!

UTAH ANNOUNCER

David Elton, ace announcer for KSL, Salt Lake City, has been appointed to the senior staff of the N.B.C. studios, San Francisco, effective Oct. 2. Commenting on Elton's promotion, Manager Earl J. Glade of KSL said: "While we are glad to see our staff members get ahead, we are particularly sorry to lose Elton. Dave has won many friends by the quality of his work." Welcome to San Francisco, Dave Elton!

CONFERENCE EXCURSION

Special excursion rates will be in effect over both the Western Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads for the General Conference in Salt Lake City, October 6-8. A round trip fare of $20, first class, will be on sale from Oct. 2 to 5, with return limit, Oct. 19.

In addition, if a party of 15 or more go, the fare will be cut to $16.50 for coaches and tourist sleepers.

Marriages

OLSON-MANION — Eva Olson and James Manion were married Sept. 5, Bromwell Z. Cox officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Olson of Dimond.
SOMSON-MILLER—Emma Lee Somson and Roy Miller, both of San Francisco ward, married Sept. 20 by Bishop Nalder, in Palo Alto Chapel.
MALIN-SCHULTZ—Myrtle Malin and Richard Schultz married Sept. 1, by Bishop Winter of Sunset.
MERILL-TAYLOR—Evelyn Merrill and Dr. Pleasant G. Taylor, both of Mission Ward, married Sept. 22, by Bishop Merrill, bride's father.
NAYLOR-DANIEL—Betty Naylor and John Daniel Jr., married at home wedding in Piedmont, by President Macdonald, Sept. 8.
COOK-ROPETER—Rhoda Cook and Edward Ropeter of Oakland, were married August 19 at San Jose, by District President Noel.

Births

DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peterson of Mission Ward, Aug. 27.
SON, born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernal I. Terry of Sunset Ward, Sept. 5.
DAUGHTER, born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hatfield of Elmhurst Ward in August.
DAUGHTER, to Mr. and Mrs. James Kay of Oakland, September 21, 1933.

Deaths

KENDALL—Barbara, 5 months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Kendall of Vallejo, died Sept. 3, of bronchial pneumonia.
BLAIR—Chloe L., 39, wife of Frank Blair of Berkeley, died Sept. 9 suddenly of heart trouble.

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News from Wards

BERKELEY

The Berkeley M. I. A. opened with an enthusiastic party Sept. 15. A musical program was rendered including numbers by Carrie Moses and Jessie Lund and two numbers from the orchestra. An unusual pantomime presented by Kathryn Smith, Leon Baer, Huberta Berg and Roy Minson was greatly enjoyed. Denziel Allen contributed one of his clever stunts, and John Larson with "Bill," his ventriloquist doll, made fun for everyone. Dancing to the strains of the Heppler Girls orchestra rounded out the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Case and son Pat, of Garfield, Utah, and Mr. and Mrs. Garf Gleason and daughter Helen were Berkeley visitors for a week with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gleason.

Chloe L. Blair, wife of Frank Blair, and mother of Helen, Hattie, Dean and Phyllis, passed away suddenly at the family home in El Cerrito Sept. 9. Funeral services were held the 11th, a number of relatives coming from Logan, Utah. Sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family. Sister Blair was dearly loved by the young people who were always welcome at her home.

Monthly Relief Society meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Nelsena Christensen.

On Sept. 22 the Berkeley Geneological Committee were hosts to the stake in a "Temple Pilgrimage Banquet." More than 170 enjoyed a splendid dinner served by Ernie Waldhouse. The hall, decorated in true Arizano style with Navajo rugs, pottery, cactus and Indian posters, presented a most colorful affair. Following the dinner a short program of music and toasts was given, during which President Macdonald made official announcement of the pilgrimage to the Arizona Temple December 26. A letter of welcome was read from the Temple president offering every aid and accommodation for the trek.

SAN FRANCISCO

Miss Emma Lee Somsen and Roy Miller were married in the Palo Alto Chapel Sept. 20, by Bishop C. W. Nalder. The bride was given away by President W. Aird Macdonald. The best man was Mr. Dwight Prickett and the matron of honor, Mrs. Claude T. Lindsay. Miss Claire Larson of Salt Lake was maid of honor and the bridesmaids were Misses LaPrele Lindsay, Bernice Larison and Ann Nelson. Messrs. Ernest Landward, Claude T. Lindsay, Scott C. Lambert and F. Dee Clines were the ushers. Miss Ame Macdonald was one of the hostesses and Mrs. Serena B. Farnsworth and Mrs. W. J. Lindsay presided at the refreshment tables. More than a hundred guests were present.

Mrs. W. T. Webb and family offer their thanks and appreciation for the many kind acts expressed in behalf of their husband and father, Mr. Wilford T. Webb, who has been seriously ill for some time.

Miss Afton Stanley, niece of Mrs. T. M. Kranenberg, who has been visiting her the past few months, has returned to Salt Lake for the winter.

Miss Myrtle Malin, daughter of Mrs. Julia Baumgartner, was married Sept. 1 to Mr. Richard Schultz. Bishop Stephen H. Winters performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Gerda Anderson has returned to San Francisco after spending several months in Salt Lake visiting with her son and friends.

Elder Dan Taggart and Elder Woolley of Ogden were San Francisco visitors while waiting for the "Mariposa" to sail for Australia, where they have been called on missions. While in San Francisco they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Martin.

Arthur Anderson has returned from Salt Lake.

Bishop and Mrs. Allan G. Woods of Salt Lake were San Francisco visitors. They were on their way to Seattle to attend a convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Sill were also San Francisco visitors on their way to Santa Barbara to attend an insurance convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Vetterli have moved into the San Francisco Ward. Mr. Vetterli is the new agent in charge of the department of justice in San Francisco. They have moved here from Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bruce left for an indefinite visit to Salt Lake.

A most successful opening social of the Mutual Improvement Associations was held Tuesday night, Sept. 19. A large crowd enjoyed the program and dancing.

Mr. Theodore R. Martin has returned to San Francisco after an extended visit in Utah.

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OAKLAND

A ward reunion is set for Saturday evening, Sept. 30. A dinner will be served to the ward by the Relief Society, and an evening of games and dancing is promised all who attend.

Mrs. Delores Tidwell Rissmon, who has been ill for several weeks, is recovering.

A piano recital was given Sept. 15 at the home of Mrs. Mabel Bowerbank. Thirty guests were present. Refreshments were served. Through the courtesy of Miss Roberta Garrett of Berkeley, a number of her dancing pupils appeared on the program. They included: Grace Mather, Davida Rapp, Danny Curtis, Velma Bowerbank, Clarence Gregory, Lillian Perman, Marion Rubins, Dorothy Dunbar, Rosemary and Ruthan De Clerg, Lurline Martin, Geraldine Gasbar, Maxine Rapp and Rosemary Garrett.

As announced in our May issue, "Ala Walter Winchell"—the stork has arrived at the home of James and Ardell Kay. "The blessed event" was a baby girl.

Eloise Sims and Margaret Philbrick assisted by Sister Carruth, were hostesses at a baby shower in honor of Sister Gertrude Nelson, Saturday evening, Sept. 23. Interesting games were enjoyed and refreshments were served to thirty-nine guests.

Rhoada Cook became the bride of Edward Ropeter at a surprise wedding early this month. This popular young couple are now residing in Berkeley.

The M. I. A. got off to a fine start last Tuesday evening with their opening social—a harvest ball. The hall was appropriately decorated with corn stalks and pumpkins, and with music by the California Coeds orchestra. A large crowd enjoyed a delightful evening of dancing. The new M. I. A. officers were hosts and hostesses for the evening; all was free, even to the refreshments. The new officers are: Young Men—Dr. George Smith, president, with Thos. M. Pyne and Glenn Gee, counsellors. Young Ladies—Mary S. Jordan, president, and Iola Heiselt and Dorothy C. Stone, counsellors.

VALLEJO

Funeral services were held Sept. 6 for Barbara, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Kendall. The parents are both active in the branch, the father being a member of the Sunday School superintendency.

Helen Ann Cheshire, organist for the Sunday School for the past three years, left early in September for Salt Lake City, where she has enrolled for a business course for the coming year. Prior to her departure the Sunday School tendered her a surprise and presented her with a beautiful pocketbook as a "token of love and appreciation."

Miss Elsie Mayfield, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Telford, since last January, has returned to her home in Salt Lake.

Mrs. LeRoy J. Murdock, Sunday School chorister, and two children have returned from a visit with relatives in Ogden.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Neerings of San Francisco were week-end guests of President and Mrs. Elmo Carr.

During the past month John G. Shields, new bishop of Oakland, was a speaker at our Sacrament meeting. Come again.

Mrs. Wanda Webb Arata is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Irwin Webb, who is very ill in Salt Lake. Her father is second counsellor in the Branch presidency.

At the last Sunday School union meeting, Vallejo had eight out of nine officers present. Only one more to go—then perfect!

SUNSET

The Sunset Ward Boosters Club has been organized and has moved into its new home in the Parnassus Masonic Building, Ninth and Judah Streets. Under the capable leadership of Maynard E. Peterson, assisted by Joseph Lee, all committees have been appointed and are functioning toward the goal of greater activity for all members of the ward. The club rooms have been newly papered and painted and are very attractive. Sunset Warders are going to have a great time this winter.

The opening party of the ward M. I. A. was held Tuesday, Sept. 19. A large crowd was in attendance. The program consisted of community singing, an original reading by Leona Burnham and the presentation by Mutual members of the "Floradora Sextette." Lennie N. George was master of ceremonies. The evening was concluded with dancing.

The opening Relief Society social was held at the home of Mrs. Charles W. White. The society has an excellent staff of officers and teachers for the coming year.

The ward elders group has been reorganized in the ward with Phillip L. Cassford as the new head.

New Arrivals:

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney P. Kelly and family from the Dimond Ward.

Mrs. Inez Suhlsen and children from Boise, Idaho.

We welcome these people to our ward.

Departures:

Mrs. Helen Prelwitz is visiting in Salt Lake City with her mother, who is ill.

Mrs. Susie Beattie is leaving for a months' visit in Utah and Idaho.

Sisters Hannah Kelly and Ella McDonald have been assigned to work in the Ward Relief Society.

Lile Fullenback, superintendent of Ward Primary, has returned from a vacation in Utah.

NEWS FROM THE WARDS

ALAMEDA

Effective October 1, all meetings of the Alameda Branch will be held in the Garden Hall at 2323 Santa Clara Avenue. This is just a few doors west of the present location. Meetings will be held as follows: Sunday School and Sacrament services on Sunday at usual time; other meetings will be held on Wednesday, Relief Society 2 p. m., Primary 4 p. m., and Mutual 7:30 p. m.

We enjoyed a fine talk on early California history Sept. 10, by Delbert Wright of the Elmhurst Bishopric. Mrs. Catherine Bjelke favored us with two violin solos. Sunday the 17th, Stake Missionaries John Searles and Walter Peitsch gave fine sermons.

September 24 in celebrating the appearance of the Angel Moroni to Joseph Smith, a program prepared by the Church Geneology Committee, five interesting talks on the introduction and carrying forward of geneology work were given by Hilda Fontano, Florine Chamberlain, Dorothy Brown, Eldred Holdaway and President Leo H. Crandall.

We are pleased to welcome the following arrivals in our midst: Mr. and Mrs. Heber Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Roa Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bjelke.

The Relief Society held their last social-work meeting at the home of Mrs. Vina Holdaway on Clinton Avenue. Swimming was enjoyed and a pleasant luncheon was served to twenty ladies present.

Sunday School: During August a new class was organized under the department of "Gospel Messages," under the leadership of James Sharp.

Complete reorganization of the M. I. A. for the fall season has been made with Leland C. Meutter, president of the Young Men with T. J. Baer, Jr., and President Don Hughes, counsellors.

Dorothy Brown will lead the Young Ladies, with Carol Durham as firs counsellor. Completion of organization will be announced later.

Relief Society: Released: Catherine K. H. Marsh, who has served as literary teacher for the past two years.

Appointments. Marie Meutter to direct literary group. Mavis Baer, to direct teachers' topics.

Mrs. Wm. Clayton entertained the Relief Society at luncheon at her home August 15. Twenty-three were present and spent a delightful afternoon.

Interesting speakers at the Sacrament meetings: President Chas. Carr, Heber Brown, and Brother Johnston. It was a special privilege to have Prof. I. B. Ball, our radio missionary, who gave a very educational talk on the "Pearl of Great Price."

The Primary received the prize for having the largest adults present at the recent Primary home coming. This organization is doing very excellent and progressive work for our young people.

ELMHURST

DeMont Hill from Colusa Branch of the Mission, is visiting in in Elmhurst.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Allred and family from the Richards Ward in Salt Lake, have moved into the ward. Brother Allred and family were here about five years ago and now have come back to make their home here.

Considerable work has been done on and around the chapel lately by members of the Priesthood. One fine job the brethren did was to repair the roof of the amusement hall.

Two items we missed last month: Edwin Marchant was ordained a teacher; and the birth of a fine baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hatfield.

Dale Schoenfeld was also ordained a teacher.

Mrs. Verne Chapman just returned from Logan, Utah, where she was called to the bedside of her mother who was ill.

Tuesday, September 12, was the opening of the M. I. A. season. After a very fine program the evening was devoted to dancing. The eleven-piece orchestra from Berkeley furnished the music. Every one enjoyed themselves and were thrilled at the spirit and enthusiasm of the new officers, and all expressed their determination to support the Mutual this season.

September 15 the young ladies of the ward held a surprise party on Violet Smith, the new president of the Y. L. M. I. A.

The Book of Mormon class started some time ago, has been very successful, and are still being held at the homes of the younger set of the ward. Owing to Mutual on Tuesday evening, the classes are now held on Monday evenings.

Mrs. Rhoda Hinkley, wife of Dr. Harold Hinkley, who has been seriously ill, is now on the road to recovery.

The Geneological Committee of the ward sponsored a party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Hatfield recently.

The Relief Society held a social on Thursday, Sept. 14. Luncheon was served to about 40 people, after which games were enjoyed by all. Regular meetings of the Relief Society will start October 6.

Mrs. Nettie Davis is here from Portland, Oregon, visiting her daughter Fay. Sister Davis was the first missionary sent from the Elmhurst Ward. She labored in and around Chicago.

MISSION

One of the outstanding social events of the month was the marriage of Evelyn Merrill to Dr. P. G. Taylor at the home of the bride's parents, Bishop and Mrs. Fred Merrill, at 8:30 p. m., Sept. 22, Bishop Merrill officiating in the presence of numerous relatives. The bridal party then adjourned to the S. F. Ward amusement hall, which had been beautifully decorated in pink and white for the occasion, and where 150 guests awaited them. A grand entry was made consisting of Geraldine Merrill and Maxine Strong, flower girls, followed by Miss Betty Merrill and Mr. O. H. Taylor, Miss Louise Merrill and Loren Dotterer, followed by the bride and groom, to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March. The evening was spent in dancing, a feature of which was the bridal waltz. The bride was dressed in a white silk crepe formal gown and trimmed with orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley, orange blossoms and white roses. They are spending their honeymoon at Monterey.

Reed E. Betterli of the department of justice, will be the speaker at Sacrament meeting, Sunday evening, October 8.

Mrs. Orson Taylor of St. George, Utah, has been visiting her sons, O. H. Taylor and P. G. Taylor, for several weeks.

The M. I. A. started their season's work Monday evening, Sept. 18, with a fine diversified program. The room was crowded and all had a fine time. The new presidencies of both organizations are fired with enthusiasm and determined to make this a banner year.

Saturday, Sept. 30, the M. I. A. are giving a dance in the American Hall, Capp and Twentieth. All invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Peterson are rejoicing in the arrival of a daughter born August 27.

BURLINGAME

The Relief Society will have their opening party Saturday, Sept. 30, at Hoover Hall. There will be a program, games, dancing and refreshments.

New Mutual officers have been chosen and the opening party will be Oct. 2. The Young Men's president is Herbert Whitelock, with Carl Ohran and Mr. Van Noy as counsellors, and William Stephens as secretary. Zelda Kirkham is president of the Young Ladies, with Mrs. Grace Robinson and Ann Nelson as counsellors, and Margaret Koeplin as secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Dean Petty of Los Angeles have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Landward.

Mrs. Ada Parkin of Wilmington has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Carl Ohran.

Mr. O. H. Taylor's mother is visiting here from St. George, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Bates and Edgar Nelson of Los Angeles have been guests of Miss Ann Nelson the past week.

Mrs. Dora B. Currie has left for Mesa, Arizona, where she will become the bride of Mr. Clarence E. Owens of that city.

Mrs. Harriet Hill has returned home after spending the summer at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where she visited with her daughter.

DIMOND

On Friday, Sept. 15, the Mutual opening party was held in the Ward amusement hall. A splendid orchestra furnished the music for the dancing. Refreshments were served. The M. I. A. was recently reorganized as follows: Parley Fish, president, with Linford Pearce and William Walker as counsellors; secretary, Parley Fish, Jr.; adult leader, Lee Gibbs, with Howard Christensen as assistant; M. M. leader, Elton Thatcher; activity leader, Jay Brown; scout leader, Clyde Summerhays; president of the Young Ladies, Rose Eddington, with Ann Mathison and Mary Scott counsellors; secretary, June Weindorf; Gleaner Girl leader, Laura Kirk; Beehive leader, Ora Thatcher; Activity leader, Elsie Cherrington.

Relief Society was recently reorganized due to President Hannah Kelley moving to San Francisco. Mildred Morgan was sustained as president, with Amelia Jones at first counsellor and Patricia Fish as second counsellor; Winifred Phelps, secretary; Clara Marcroft, organist; Katherine Kest, chorister; Mary Russell, theology leader; Jean Lauper, literary leader; Effie Gibbs, social service, and Mavis Humphreys, teachers topic leader.

Clyde Curtis has been chosen chairman of the Elders Group in the ward. Walter Eddington is in charge of personal service; Oscar McCarthy, class instruction; Paul Jenkle, church service; Mark Dalton, miscellaneous activity.

A Gospel Message class has been organized in Sunday School with Sam W. Scott as teacher.

R. Gail Fjelstrom has been selected as teacher in the Geneological Society, succeeding Vaughn Lamoreaux, resigned.

A party sponsored by the Missionary Class, was held at the home of Catherine Mathison Sept. 20.

On August 25 a group of friends spent a most delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Fisher in honor of her birthday. She was the first Relief Society president of Dimond Ward.

Mrs. Clyde Curtis returned home Sept. 11 from Ogden, Utah, where she enjoyed a two weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Bishop and Mrs. Serge Launer enjoyed the Labor Day holidays as the guests of President and Mrs. Macdonald at their ranch at St. Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fitzpatrick and son Jack are enjoying a two weeks vacation in Salt Lake City.

Wayne Robinson, son of our former Bishop and Mrs. Thomas W. Robinson, who is attending school at the University of California, is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Ellsworth.

Mrs. Summerhays and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Auger of San Diego, Calif., are spending the winter with their son and brother, Cylde Summerhays.

About forty members of our ward spent the Labor Day holidays enjoying a vacation on the San Joaquin River.

We welcome as new members to our ward Mr. and Mrs. McKean from Salt Lake City; Mr. John Hilton and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Allen and family from Centerville, Calif.

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